

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-15, 17-18, and 20-24 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 1, 3-5, 8-13, and 17 are being amended. Claims 2, 6, 16, and 19 are being canceled. Claims 20-24 are new.

Claim 10 was objected to because of the failure to properly amend claim 10 in the preliminary amendment filed on February 14, 2002. Claim 10 is being amended to overcome the improper amendment.

The applicants appreciate the indication claims 6, 8-9, 16, and 19 were directed to allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claims 1, 13, and 17 are being amended to include the language of claims 6, 16, and 19, respectively. Accordingly, claims 1, 13, and 17 are in condition for allowance. Claims 3-5, 7, and 10-12 depend on claim 1, and thus, are also in condition for allowance. Claims 14-15 and 18 depend on claims 13 and 17, respectively, and thus are also in condition for allowance.

Claims 8 and 9 are being placed in independent form. However, the language of claim 3, from which claims 8-9 depended, is not included in amended claims 8-9 because that language is not believed necessary for the patentability of claims 8-9. The language of claim 3 is directed to the generating of local motion vectors from the motion vectors, which is not needed for the "determining" and "selecting" steps of claim 8 or the "subsequently used" step of claim 9. Accordingly, amended claims 8-9 are in condition for allowance.

New claims 20-21 depend on claims 8-9, respectively, and thus, are also in condition for allowance. Claims 20-21 include the language of claim 3, and thus, correspond to original claims 8-9.

Although the language of new claims 22-24 differ from that of claims 1, 8, and 9, respectively, the allowability of new claims 22-24 will be appreciated in view of the indicated allowability of claims 1, 8, and 9.

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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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